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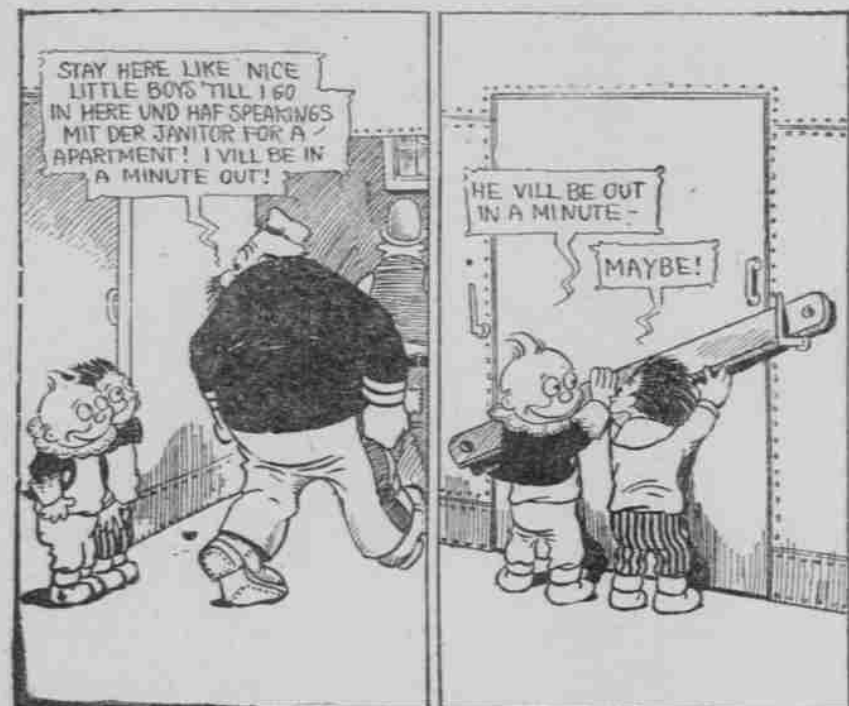
### Shortstop Volunteer

Following close on the heels of "Hank" Gowdy, Walter Maranville, the snappy little shortstop of the Boston Braves has enlisted in the naval service, according to the announcement of a friend in Boston. Gowdy will leave the team within the next six weeks having already enlisted with the Ohio national guard. Maranville, it is understood, will not go into immediate training, but will remain a member of the Braves for some time to come. He is at present receiving a salary of \$1500 per year, according to a recent announcement of the Braves management.

The example of Gowdy and Maranville is said to be followed by a number of other players, who, unmarried, desire to do their bit by serving their country.

### THE KATZIES

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### Der Captain Is Caught Between Fires

### Langford Defeated



Boston, Mass., June 26.—Sam Langford, negro heavy weight, lost his first fight by a knockout in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round bout.

During the earlier rounds Langford showed a great deal of his old speed, but was forced to give near Fulton, the Minnesota heavy weight, as the tall heavy weight kept his left foot and the "star baby" could not reach his inner defense.

Fulton sent in heavy rights and lefts to the jaw in the fourth and fifth rounds, and from that time on the final issue of the contest was not in doubt.

Fulton who now he matched to meet some high class boxer in the near future at the Boston A. C. is present plans of the promoters materialize.

## PASS CITY BALL MUCH IMPROVED OVER FIRST GAMES OF SEASON

Teams Strengthening and in Excellent Shape for Games  
Next Sunday Afternoon; Fans Much Impressed  
With Pitching of Johnny Mulcahy, Young  
High School Star, Crack Southpaw.

"NOT only the kind of ball that everyone likes to see, but the order that attracts interest among the fans, and which will ultimately result in the bringing of larger crowds into the gates of Rio Grande park."

The above statement is but an example of the opinion of El Paso fans at the end of the second game last Sunday afternoon, when Johnny Mulcahy defeated the Norton Books, three to two, after more than one hour of sterling baseball, and is the kind that you may well be calculated to revive interest in the national game.

It was the result, of course, of consistent practice by the players, and the acquisition of new players by the management of the Pass City club, all of which are striving to give the fans the best quality of baseball obtainable.

Next Sunday afternoon even a better brand is expected to be dished out, as it will bring together two of the clubs that are fighting for the second position, while in one of the Norton Books are billed to meet the Purdy Bakers. That the pace of the Bakers is little short of sensational is the consensus of opinion, and there are many fans who hope that one of the teams of the league will be strong enough in the future to dip the flag of the Purdy bunch. This has been done but three times this season, and everyone has a very good idea just how hard a job it will be.

In regard to the games last Sunday afternoon too much cannot be said of the individual playing, particularly in the last game. In the first canto, the players did very cred-

itably, the Weston nine having had luck on ground balls. Dick Fillman, the shortstop, who made the errors, cannot be blamed if certain considerations are to be reckoned, as he is unable to get out to practice either in the forenoon or afternoon of week days, and it is certainly not his fault.

In a case of this kind, there are extenuating circumstances, and the fans who are broad minded enough to judge this, can easily see that the errors are due to his inability to practice.

On the whole, however, everyone got his money's worth and if there is a fan that feels that he was not properly compensated by witnessing the games, he is perfectly welcome to get his money back. The grand feature of the day, naturally, was the excellent spirit of the players, during both games, as they all tried hard to win, even until time it appeared as things were hopeless, and all hopes of starting a rally had to be abandoned.

The grounds were in excellent shape as a result of the good work of the park management prior to the game, under the supervision of Bill Pepprey. The diamond had been rolled thoroughly, after undergoing a good dampening, and it is to the credit of Bill that the games were put off in rapid order.

The two umpires, Messrs. A. J. Ferro and Dick Monahan, were there with bells on. Monahan making a decided impression by his work behind the bat, while Ferro handled the field part of the program in a very able manner.

No action has yet been taken by the managers of the teams relative to signing players of the Comedical Amateur league, but it is known that a number of snappy men from the younger circuit will go up beyond a doubt. Leo Momen, of the Modury team and Rosenthal, third baseman of the Purdy club, are said to be two of those who are wanted.

All players who are signed by the Pass City organization will remain members of the amateur league and will play in the morning as usual.

Hancock, of the Momen team, and catcher Gordon, of the Post-office, are two others who are slated to be signed, it is reported, their work having made a favorable impression on the City league pilots.

CHICAGO FIGURES GO UP.  
Attendance figures at the "Cubs" games in Chicago are booming for the first time since Charley Murphy tied the can to Frank Chance.

## Criss and Conley Leaders Top Other Texas Twirlers

IRON men are few and far between in this season in the Texas league. Through last Thursday's games there were only five Lone Star twirlers who had pitched 150 innings or better this year. The quintet is headed by John Wesley Harper, the Broncho wild man, who has toiled 152 1-3 innings, but a fraction of a game better than James Patrick Conley, of the Dallas Submarines, Sam Lewis of Dallas is third, with 149 1-3, Jake May, of the Nags, fourth, 141, and Duffy of Shreveport fifth, with 150 1-3. Nor does iron manning appear to make pitching averages thrive, as Conley is the only one of the quintet with his head above the half-way mark in winning and losing games.

This same Conley is sharing with Dode Criss of the Butts the honor of leading the league. Criss having the better of the percentage by 13 points. The level-headed, however, and figure in far fewer games through Thursday, Conley having won four more battles than any other circuit performer.

Conley, Eugene Moore of Houston, and Applique of Fort Worth, are the only twirlers who have registered at least one victory over every opponent in the league, while the dub-

ious honor of having lost to every club is held by Harper of San Antonio. Incidentally, he has won from every opposing team except Dallas. But for the Houston Buffaloes, Jimmie Zinn of Waco would apparently have it all his way in this league. The Skipper has lost but three games and all to Houston. Jake May of San Antonio would look better but for the five times he has been beaten this year by Dallas.

Conley and Bono of Dallas, Zinn of Waco and Whitaker of Fort Worth have each beaten San Antonio three times without a defeat. Conley, who has not lost a game this year to a South Texas club, also turned the trick with the late Beaumont team. No pitcher has been able to beat Fort Worth three times.

May of San Antonio leads the league in strikeouts with 88, closely pursued by John Wesley Harper of Dallas, 83. John Wesley Harper is still the wildest pitcher, with 11 bases on balls, while the palm for control goes to Donalds of Waco. From Galveston News.

## Abolish Spitball Is Cry Freak Delivery Opposed

"LET'S abolish the spit ball," says Clark Griffith. It is one thing which has crept into baseball in fairly modern times which hasn't bettered the game. It ought to be prohibited for all time to come.

"In making this severe charge against the wet delivery I realize that I am in measure responsible for the spit ball. It is true that I never used it myself as it is used today. But I guess I was the first pitcher to employ the principle which makes the spit ball so effective.

"This principle in brief is that where one side of the ball is smoother than the other the ball can be released from the pitcher's hand in such a way as to completely alter its proper rotation as it shoots through the air. And the alteration of this rotation is what gives the ball its peculiar break as it ducks across the plate.

"Now the spit ball pitcher accomplishes this end by wetting one side of the ball so that it slips away from under his fingers with the least possible friction. The same result could be accomplished in a general way by roughening one side of the ball. For the principle would be the same. That is, one side of the ball would be smoother than the other.

"This is precisely what I used to do. I had a habit as far back as I can remember, of hitting the ball on the spikes of my shoe before I started to pitch. At first I think it was nothing more than a habit, just as some pitchers are always hitching up their bells or shifting their caps. But after a while I noticed that when I had scarred one side of a new ball with my spikes it would break a good deal better when it crossed the plate. And right here is where I made a big mistake. I had a secret all to myself which would have been worth a good deal to me. What I was doing was really pitching a new ball with my spikes. It was the idea that Russell Ford later used so effectively. An idea which made him a successful pitcher for a good many seasons. Ford, however, made an exact study of the thing and reduced it to a science.

"He made good use of the idea and it was only when he was about through as a pitcher that the secret leaked out, became common property, and was abolished by all the leagues.

"I never used the idea in such a thorough way as Ford did. I would hit the ball on my spikes once in a while to get a sharp break on a curve. But I never put enough thought into the thing to figure out just why the ball would break so well. Why didn't I do this? Simple. I didn't have sense enough."

### CHAMP WILDE IS LEFT AT ALDERSHOT

Word has reached London that Jimmy Wilde, flyweight champion of the world, is in a hospital at Aldershot suffering from serious strain of the muscles of the back and abdomen contracted in the course of his military duties.

Although at the time the injuries were received the great little champion refused to report sick, he continued his participation in bayonet charges until he collapsed. Whether Wilde's injuries are of a permanent nature and sufficient to keep him out of the ring in future has not yet been determined.

### OLD CENTRALS WIN OVER RED DEVILS

By a score of 12 to 2 the Old Central team Tuesday afternoon at Rio Grande park. Pete Leva, who pitched for the Centrals struck out a total of 13 men while the Devil twirler was found for 17 hits by the Central swatmen. The negro team played an excellent defensive game against their opponents for five innings but after that it had very little chance to win. The Central team is the Norton-Book aggregation of the Pass City league.

### FORMER TUCSON PLAYER IS NOW A ST. LOUIS CARDINAL

Oscar Horstman has made good with the St. Louis Cardinals and will be retained on their payroll. The St. Louis club had the privilege of keeping the young pitcher or returning him to the Angel club by the first of June. A check has been received at the I. A. office for Horstman, with a note to the effect that manager Huggins had decided to keep him.

### EARLY PRACTICE FOR FOOTBALLERS

Coach Frank A. Loftus of the El Paso high school football team is planning an early training camp for the players of the team. The early part of August, Coach Loftus announced this morning that he would like to see all the boys who were to go to college for the coming season and any of the old men who care to study with his candidates for the coming season before going off to college.

Coach Loftus invites all those interested in an early training camp to meet with him at the University club roof garden Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

### EARL YINGLING IS LEFT AT HOME

Earl Yingling, the former Brooklyn and Red left hander, who is being carried on the reserve list of the Washington team, has filed an affidavit stating that, owing to sickness in his family he cannot leave his home in Lebanon to join the Senators. He requested that he be allowed to pitch for the Norwood team on Saturdays or Sundays. It is expected that manager Griffith of the Washington club will give him permission to do so.

### CHAMPION BILLIARD PLAYER IS NOW A VOLUNTEER

Melbourne Inman, the champion of English Billiards who toured the United States with Willie Hoppe in 1915 has just joined the colors for service in France, as have also Tom Newman and Claude Kaskiner, two other leading English professionals. Nathan Hall of Boston, national amateur billiards champion, is now at Plattsburg.

## Is Boston Strong As Ever? Look For Red Sox Downfall

NEW YORK, June 26.—Unless some Red Sox hurler very quickly steps out and begins to give aid and comfort to Babe Ruth and Dutch Leonard the Red Sox are due for a greatest descent in the American league averages.

It has been charged with more than the ordinary amount of baseball backing that these two sterling left-handers are all there has been to the Red Sox 1917 kick.

Hill Donovan, manager of the Yankees, is one firm believer in the allegation that Ruth and Leonard are due for a great fall.

The wonderful machine that has worked in perfect harmony for several years, hitting, fielding and pitching like champions every inch of a pennant flab—is developing a flat wheel.

More and more lately have been showing form and may fall into the breach in time to carry the Red Sox down the stretch to a last minute fight, and even to another championship. There is much difference in the machine as it stands today compared with its status a year ago, floundering from the standpoint of effectiveness in any department except pitching.

Just wait until hot weather strikes the batters and begins ironing the kinks out of the other pitchers in this league," Bill remarked. "Then we'll see whether Babe Ruth and Dutch Leonard will continue knocking over the opposition teams. We also will begin to find out if Ernie Shore and Carl Mays are going to add impetus to the Red Sox pennant fight."

The difference between the Red Sox and the White Sox, generally favored in the pennant dash, lies in the hurling mound. Howland has a first class string of flailing youths, from the first to the last. No one star seems to glimmer with more brilliance than another except on certain

## MAJOR BASEBALL LEAGUES WILL DRAFT WHEN MILITARY IS THROUGH

Available Dope Says That Very Few Players Will Be  
Drafted to Major Circuits From Minors This Season;  
Reason Given Is Declaration of War, Many Promising Players Having Volunteered for Service.

BY JACK VEHOCK.

NEW YORK, June 26.—When the major leagues get ready to do their drafting this fall—after Uncle Samuel has finished his draft—it is more than likely that fewer players will be drafted than for the past five or six years.

Last fall the 15 major league clubs drafted more than 100 players. It was one of the biggest drafts in the history of baseball, and the moguls went through with it because they

thought indications pointed to another period of success for the grand old game.

But at that time no one knew that the United States would be involved in the world war.

No one knew or thought that the sons of Uncle Samuel would be fighting in the trenches on the western battle front in France within a year's time, for

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